

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please amend Claims 1-14 as indicated in the following Listing of Claims. Please add new Claims 15-17.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) An enclosed carton for carrying a plurality of containers, each container of the plurality of containers having substantially the same size and shape and having a top end and a bottom end, each bottom end having a bottom diameter,

~~with the top end of each container having a diameter smaller than the bottom end,~~

~~each said container being of the same size and shape as every other container in said plurality~~

~~each said container having a longitudinal axis which is oriented parallel to the longitudinal axis of every other container in said plurality when loaded into the carton, and~~

the carton comprising:

(a) a bottom panel, top panel, and first and second adjoining side panels attached to the top panel by first and second fold lines, and ends which are closed by foldably attached end flaps,

~~and with said carton being designed so that the plurality of containers it is designed to hold can be accommodated with their longitudinal axes being~~
the longitudinal axis of each container of the plurality of containers being
perpendicular to the planes of the top and bottom panels with and the top end ~~of the containers being~~ each container being located adjacent to the top panel;
and

(b) ~~said top panel having a first dispenser opening which is at least largely located in the top panel with any remaining portion located in and the first adjoining side panel for the removal of said containers one at a time,~~
the first dispenser opening having a height approximately equal to the bottom diameter of one container of the plurality of containers;

the first dispenser opening having a width equal to two to three times the bottom diameter of one container of the plurality of containers;

~~said dispenser opening being sized to be slightly larger than the diameter of the bottom of from two to three containers;~~

~~said the first dispenser opening being located approximately equidistance~~ equidistant ~~between the ends of said the carton adjacent a fold line between the top panel and an adjoining side panel;~~

~~said the first dispenser opening optionally being closed by a dispenser flap that is coextensive with the first dispenser opening; and~~

~~said the dispenser flap being attached to said top panel being defined by a first tear line that extends at least most of the distance around said flap extending across the top panel and the first adjoining side panel; and~~

each container of the plurality of containers being dispensed through the dispenser opening by gravity feed.

~~said tear line having sufficient attachment points to resist tearing by the containers in the carton that are adjacent said dispensing flap, and with means to enable a person to grasp the dispenser flap for tearing it from the carton exposing the dispenser opening.~~

2. (Currently amended) The carton of claim 1, ~~which has two dispenser openings, each opening being adjacent to a fold line between the top panel and a side panel~~ further comprising a second dispenser opening located in the top panel and second adjoining side panel.

3. (Currently amended) The enclosed carton of claim 1, wherein in which ~~said the width of the first~~ dispenser opening is ~~sized to be~~ slightly larger than the ~~diameter of the bottom end of two containers~~ two times the bottom diameter of one container of the plurality of containers. ~~and said dispenser opening extends partially into the adjoining side panel.~~

4. (Currently amended) The enclosed carton of claim 3, further comprising a finger flap adjacent the dispenser flap for tearing the dispenser flap from the carton, ~~in which the means to enable a person to grasp the dispenser flap for tearing it from the carton comprises~~

the finger flap comprising:

V shaped fold lines in the ~~side panel adjacent said dispenser flap,~~ first adjoining side panel;

~~said V shaped fold lines having two push tabs foldably attached to said the V shaped fold lines, with said push tabs and~~ located between ~~said the V shaped fold~~ lines,

~~said the two push tabs being separated from each other by a second tear line; from each other, with a tear line separating the push tabs from the dispenser flap~~

the push tabs being separated from the dispenser flap by a third tear line; and

said the push tabs being designed to be pushed inwardly by a person opening the dispenser flap so that a person can grasp the dispenser flap for easy tearing it from the carton.

5. (Currently amended) The enclosed carton of claim 1, wherein in which ~~said the width of the first~~ dispenser opening is ~~sized to be~~ slightly larger than the ~~diameter of the bottom end of three containers~~ three times the bottom diameter of one container of the plurality of containers. ~~said dispenser opening being located at least~~

~~nearly entirely in the top panel adjacent a fold line between the top panel and adjoining side panel.~~

6. (Currently amended) The enclosed carton of claim 5, further comprising a finger flap adjacent the dispenser flap for tearing the dispenser flap from the carton, ~~in which the means to enable a person to grasp the dispenser flap for tearing it from the carton comprises~~

the finger flap comprising:

~~V shaped fold lines in the side panel adjacent said dispenser flap,~~ first adjoining side panel;

~~said V shaped fold lines having two push tabs foldably attached to said the V shaped fold lines, with said push tabs and~~ located between said the V shaped fold lines,

~~said the two push tabs being separated from each other by a second tear line; from each other, with a tear line separating the push tabs from the dispenser flap~~

the push tabs being separated from the dispenser flap by a third tear line; and

~~said the push tabs being designed to be pushed inwardly by a person opening the dispenser flap so that a person can grasp the dispenser flap for easy tearing it from the carton.~~

7. (Currently amended) The enclosed carton of claim 5, further comprising which has a starting tab located in the top panel immediately adjacent the dispenser flap, said starting tab being separated from the dispenser flap by a sixth tear line to which it is connected by a tear line, with said starting ~~flap tab~~ being connected to the top panel by a third fold line, said starting ~~flap is tab being~~ designed so that a person can easily grasp the dispenser flap to tear it loose from the carton.

8. (Currently amended) The enclosed carton of claim 1, wherein ~~in which~~ the first tear line extends completely around the dispenser flap.

9. (Currently amended) The carton of claim 1, further comprising ~~which~~ has a coupon attached to the inside of said the first dispenser flap.

10. (Currently amended) The carton of claim 1, further comprising ~~which~~ has a coupon attached to the outside of the first dispenser flap.

11. (Currently amended) An enclosed carton for carrying a plurality of containers, each container of the plurality of containers having substantially the same size and shape and having a top end and a bottom end, each bottom end having a bottom diameter,

~~with the top end of each container having a diameter smaller than the bottom end,~~

~~each said container being of the same size and shape as every other container in said plurality~~

~~each said container having a longitudinal axis which is oriented parallel to the longitudinal axis of every other container in said plurality when loaded into the carton, and~~

the carton comprising:

(a) a bottom panel, top panel, and first and second adjoining side panels attached to the top panel by first and second fold lines, and ends which are closed by foldably attached end flaps,

~~and with said carton being designed so that the plurality of containers it is designed to hold can be accommodated with their longitudinal axes being~~
the longitudinal axis of each container of the plurality of containers being
perpendicular to the planes of the top and bottom panels ~~with~~ and the top end ~~of the containers~~ each container being located adjacent to the top panel; and

(b) said top panel having a first dispenser opening sized to be slightly larger than ~~the diameter of the bottom end~~ ends of two containers of said plurality of containers, and said first dispenser opening ~~extends~~ extending partially into the first adjoining side panel, said first dispenser opening being located approximately ~~equidistance~~ equidistant between the ends of the carton adjacent a the first fold line between the top panel and an the first adjoining side panel, said dispenser opening optionally being closed by a dispenser flap that is co-extensive with the first dispenser opening, said dispenser flap being attached to said top panel by a first tear line that extends around said dispenser flap, said first tear line having sufficient attachment points to resist tearing by the containers in the carton that are adjacent said dispenser flap, said carton having V shaped fold lines in the ~~side panel adjacent said dispenser opening~~ first adjoining side panel, said V shaped fold lines having two push tabs foldably attached to said V shaped fold lines, with said push tabs located between said V shaped fold lines, said two tabs being separated by a second tear line, ~~from each other, with a tear line separating the push tabs from the dispenser flap~~ said push tabs being separated from the dispenser flap by a third tear line, said push tab being designed to be pushed inwardly by a person opening the dispenser flap so that a person can grasp the dispenser flap for easy tearing it from the carton.

12. (Currently amended) The carton of claim 11, ~~which has two dispenser openings, each opening being adjacent to a fold line between the top panel and a side panel~~ further comprising a second dispenser opening located in the top panel and second adjoining side panel.

13. (Currently amended) An enclosed carton for carrying a plurality of containers, each container of the plurality of containers having substantially the same

size and shape and having a top end and a bottom end, each bottom end having a bottom diameter,

~~with the top end of each container having a diameter smaller than the bottom end,~~

~~each said container being of the same size and shape as every other container in said plurality~~

~~each said container having a longitudinal axis which is oriented parallel to the longitudinal axis of every other container in said plurality when loaded into the carton, and~~

the carton comprising:

(a) a bottom panel, top panel, and first and second adjoining side panels attached to the top panel by first and second fold lines, and foldably attached end flaps,

~~and with said carton being designed so that the plurality of containers it is designed to hold can be accommodated with their longitudinal axes being the longitudinal axis of each container of the plurality of containers being perpendicular to the planes of the top and bottom panels with and the top end of the containers each container being located adjacent to the top panel; and~~
(b) ~~said top panel having a first dispenser opening located in the top panel adjacent the first fold line between the top panel and the first adjoining side panel,~~

~~which is sized to be slightly larger than the diameter of the bottom end of three containers, said dispenser opening being located at least nearly entirely in the top panel adjacent a fold line between the top panel and adjoining side panel,~~

the first dispenser opening having a height approximately equal to the bottom diameter of one container of the plurality of containers;

the first dispenser opening having a width approximately equal to three times the bottom diameter of one container of the plurality of containers;

said the first dispenser opening being ~~located~~ approximately
~~equidistance~~ equidistant between the ends of the carton;
said the first dispenser opening optionally being closed by a dispenser
flap that is coextensive with the first dispenser opening; and
said the first dispenser flap being ~~attached to the top panel~~ defined by a
first tear line that extends around said dispenser flap; and
~~said line having sufficient attachment points to resist tearing by the~~
~~containers in the carton that are adjacent said dispenser flap,~~
(c) ~~said carton having a finger flap comprising:~~
a V shaped fold ~~line~~ lines in the first adjoining side panel; ~~side panel~~
~~adjacent said opening dispenser,~~
~~said V shaped fold lines having two push tabs foldably attached to said~~
the V shaped fold lines, ~~with said push tabs~~ and located between said the V
shaped fold lines,
~~said the two push tabs being separated from each other by a second~~ tear
line;
~~from each other, with a tear line separating the push tabs from the~~
~~dispenser flap~~
the push tabs being separated from the dispenser flap by a third tear
line; and
said the push tabs being designed to be pushed inwardly by a person
opening the dispenser flap so that a person can grasp the dispenser flap ~~for~~
~~easy tearing it from the carton.~~

14. (Currently amended) The enclosed carton of claim 13, further
comprising which has a starting tab located in the top panel immediately adjacent the
dispenser flap, said starting tab being separated from the dispenser flap by a fourth
tear line to which is connected by a tear line, with said starting flap tab being

connected to the top panel by a third fold line, said starting ~~flap~~ is tab being designed so that a person can easily grasp the dispenser flap to tear it from the carton.

15. (New) An enclosed carton for carrying a plurality of containers, each container of the plurality of containers having substantially the same size and shape and having a top end and a bottom end, each bottom end having a bottom diameter, the carton comprising:

(a) a bottom panel, top panel, first and second adjoining side panels attached to the top panel by first and second fold lines, and ends which are closed by foldably attached end flaps,

the longitudinal axis of each container of the plurality of containers being perpendicular to the planes of the top and bottom panels and the top end of each container being located adjacent the top panel; and

(b) a first dispenser opening located in the top panel and the first adjoining side panel,

the first dispenser opening having a height approximately equal to the bottom diameter of one container of the plurality of containers;

the first dispenser opening having a width approximately equal to two times the bottom diameter of one container of the plurality of containers;

the first dispenser opening being approximately equidistant between the ends of the carton;

the first dispenser opening optionally being closed by a dispenser flap that is coextensive with the first dispenser opening; and

the dispenser flap being defined by a first tear line extending across the top panel and the first adjoining side panel.

16. (New) An enclosed carton for dispensing a plurality of containers by gravity feed, each container of the plurality of containers having substantially the

same size and shape and having a top end and a bottom end, each bottom end having a bottom diameter,

the carton comprising:

(a) a bottom panel, top panel, first and second adjoining side panels attached to the top panel by first and second fold lines, and ends which are closed by foldably attached end flaps,

the longitudinal axis of each container of the plurality of containers being perpendicular to the planes of the top and bottom panels and the top end of each container being located adjacent the top panel; and

(b) a first dispenser opening located in the top panel and the first adjoining side panel,

the first dispenser opening having a height approximately equal to the bottom diameter of one container of the plurality of containers;

the first dispenser opening having a width approximately equal to two times the bottom diameter of one container of the plurality of containers;

the first dispenser opening being approximately equidistant between the ends of the carton;

the first dispenser opening being closed by a dispenser flap that is coextensive with the first dispenser opening; and

the dispenser flap being defined by a first tear line extending across the top panel and the first adjoining side panel.

17. (New) An enclosed carton for dispensing a plurality of containers by gravity feed,, each container of the plurality of containers having substantially the same size and shape and having a top end and a bottom end, each bottom end having a bottom diameter,

the carton comprising:

(a) a bottom panel, top panel, first and second adjoining side panels attached to the top panel by first and second fold lines, and ends which are closed by foldably attached end flaps,

the longitudinal axis of each container of the plurality of containers being perpendicular to the planes of the top and bottom panels and the top end of each container being located adjacent the top panel; and

(b) a first dispenser opening located in the top panel adjacent the first fold line between the top panel and the first adjoining side panel,

the first dispenser opening having a height approximately equal to the bottom diameter of one container of the plurality of containers;

the first dispenser opening having a width approximately equal to three times the bottom diameter of one container of the plurality of containers;

the first dispenser opening being approximately equidistant between the ends of the carton;

the first dispenser opening optionally being closed by a dispenser flap that is coextensive with the first dispenser opening; and

the dispenser flap being defined by a first tear line extending across the top panel and the first adjoining side panel.